

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER W-10-009

Relating to ARB Approval of Third Party Certifiers under
Section 93120.4, title 17, California Code of Regulations

Scientific Certification Systems

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted the "Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products" (the "ATCM"; title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 93120-93120.12), which establishes formaldehyde emission standards for composite wood products;

WHEREAS, section 93120.3(b) of the ATCM requires that manufacturers of composite wood products must verify compliance with the formaldehyde emission standards by using a third party certifier approved by ARB;

WHEREAS, the ATCM requires third party certifiers to: 1) verify the accuracy of the emission test procedures and facilities used by composite wood product manufacturers to conduct formaldehyde emission tests; 2) monitor manufacturer quality assurance programs; and 3) provide independent audits and inspections;

WHEREAS, section 93120.4 of the ATCM sets forth the process for the ARB Executive Officer to approve third party certifiers;

WHEREAS, section 93120.4(b)(1) of the ATCM requires that applications to become ARB-approved third party certifiers must be submitted to the Executive Officer in writing and must contain: 1) evidence of actual field experience in the verification of laboratories and wood products, to demonstrate how applicants will be able to competently perform the requirements for third party certifiers of composite wood products listed in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM; 2) evidence of the ability to properly train and supervise inspectors; 3) evidence of a current "product certification agency" accreditation; and 4) a list of the composite wood products that the applicant is applying to verify and evidence that the applicant is qualified to verify these products;

WHEREAS, Scientific Certification Systems (the "applicant") submitted an original application dated July 15, 2008, and deemed complete on July 23, 2008;

WHEREAS, the original application and amendments submitted on August 13, 2008, December 15, 2008, and July 8, 2009, indicated that the applicant had contractual agreements with five subcontractors to provide accredited laboratory testing services;

WHEREAS, Scientific Certification Systems was issued Executive Order W-08-009C, signed August 5, 2009, listing five subcontractors that would provide accredited laboratory services;

WHEREAS, section 93120.4(b)(4) of the ATCM allows ARB-approved third party certifiers to apply for re-approval by ARB by submitting an updated application;

WHEREAS, Scientific Certification Systems submitted an updated application for re-approval to ARB on October 6, 2010, listing four subcontractors in Attachment A of Executive Order W-08-009C;

WHEREAS, the updated application for re-approval from Scientific Certification Systems was deemed complete on December 6, 2010;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer finds that the completed updated application demonstrated the third party certifier's ability to continue to comply with section 93120.4(b)(1);

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer approved Scientific Certification Systems' request for re-approval, and it is appropriate that Executive Order W-08-009C be superseded by this Executive Order W-10-009;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Scientific Certification Systems is hereby reapproved as a third party certifier and shall continue to use the following number designating them as an ARB-approved third party certifier:

TPC-9.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Scientific Certification Systems is an ARB-approved third party certifier for the following composite wood products: Hardwood Plywood, Particleboard, and Medium Density Fiberboard.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Scientific Certification Systems must provide their ARB-approved third party certifier number to each manufacturer it has subcontracted with for services, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.
2. Scientific Certification Systems, through its subcontractors listed in Attachment A, must ensure that all subcontractors participate in an inter-laboratory study of their primary and/or secondary chamber facilities.
3. If Scientific Certification Systems wishes to undertake accredited laboratory services, or use a subcontractor other than those listed in Attachment A, then Scientific Certification Systems must submit a request to the Executive Officer in writing and must provide evidence to demonstrate that they or their subcontractor can competently perform the tasks for which it is employed. Scientific Certification Systems shall not use subcontractors other than those listed in Attachment A, unless the Executive Officer approves the request in writing.
4. Scientific Certification Systems shall immediately notify the Executive Officer if any accreditation or certification provided in support of their initial or amended application is renewed, allowed to expire, or revoked within the duration of this Executive Order.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order W-10-009 supersedes Executive Order W-08-009C, which was issued on August 5, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall have a duration of two years from the date it is executed; within 120 days of the expiration of this Executive Order, the third party certifier may apply for re-approval by submitting an updated application to the Executive Officer as provided in section 93120.4 of the ATCM.

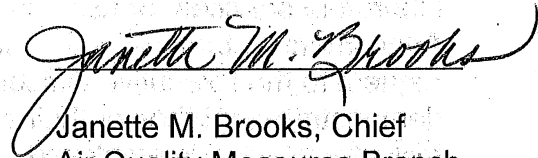
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Officer may review and, for good cause, modify or revoke this Executive Order as provided in section 93120.4(d) of the ATCM. The Executive Officer shall not modify or revoke this Executive Order without affording the third party certifier the opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the procedures specified in title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 60055.1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the third party certifier must maintain records in electronic or hard copy form for two years, for review by ARB upon request, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that on or before March 1 of each year, the third party certifier must provide an annual report to ARB for the previous calendar year, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the third party certifier must notify the Executive Officer in writing within 30 days of any change in their ability to carry out the responsibilities of this Executive Order.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 22nd day of December, 2010.



Janette M. Brooks, Chief
Air Quality Measures Branch
Stationary Source Division

Attachment A

List of Subcontractors for Scientific Certification Systems (TPC-9) Under Executive Order W-10-009

Company Name	Company Contact Information	Subcontractor Function
Berkeley Analytical Associates	<u>Contact:</u> Raja Tannous 815 Harbour Way S #6 Richmond, CA 94804 Phone: (510) 236-2325 Fax: (510) 236-2325	Accredited Laboratory
Advanced Testing Services	<u>Contact:</u> David Harmon 610 South 2 nd Street Springfield, OR 97477 Phone: (541) 741-6659 Fax: (541) 747-3868	Accredited Laboratory
Beijing Quality Supervision and Inspection Station of Wood Furniture	<u>Contact:</u> Li Jiguang No. 4, Dahongmen Xinlu Fengtai District, Beijing, China Phone: 010-67271841 Fax: 010-67245365	Accredited Laboratory
Composite Panel Association	<u>Contact:</u> Gary Heroux 19465 Deerfield Ave., Suite 306 Leesburg, Virginia 20176 Phone: (703) 724-1128 Fax: (703) 724-1588	Accredited Laboratory